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WHEAT CROP EXPECTED TO BE DOWN 42 PERCENT

NASHVILLE, June 10, 2010 – The effects of torrential rains, flooding, and reduced seedings last fall are expected to lead to a sharp reduction to Tennessee's 2010 wheat crop. Tennessee's winter wheat production is projected to total 10.1 million bushels, down 42 percent from a year ago according to a recent survey conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office, around June 1. The state's average yield is expected to be 56.0 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from a year earlier. Tennessee farmers seeded 290,000 acres last fall, down 33 percent from the previous year. Wheat producers expect to harvest 180,000 acres for grain, 160,000 less than a year ago. The remaining 110,000 acres were used as a cover crop, will be harvested for hay or silage, or will be abandoned due to flooding. By the week ending June 9, the wheat crop was ripening rapidly with harvest to begin soon.

United States: Production is forecast at 1.48 billion bushels, down 3 percent from 2009. Based on June 1 conditions the United States yield is forecast at 46.6 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from the previous year. Expected grain area totals 31.8 million acres, down 8 percent from last year.

Winter Wheat: Tennessee, Surrounding States, and U.S., June 1, 2010 with Comparisons¹

| State | Acreage Harvested | | Yield Per Acre | | Production | |
|------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | Bushels | | 1,000 Bushels | |
| Arkansas | 390 | 170 | 44.0 | 52.0 | 17,160 | 8,840 |
| Georgia | 250 | 130 | 42.0 | 44.0 | 10,500 | 5,720 |
| Kentucky | 390 | 300 | 57.0 | 63.0 | 22,230 | 18,900 |
| Mississippi | 165 | 130 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 8,250 | 6,500 |
| Missouri | 730 | 310 | 47.0 | 46.0 | 34,310 | 14,260 |
| North Carolina | 600 | 400 | 49.0 | 46.0 | 29,400 | 18,400 |
| TENNESSEE | 340 | 180 | 51.0 | 56.0 | 17,340 | 10,080 |
| Virginia | 210 | 175 | 58.0 | 63.0 | 12,180 | 11,025 |
| United States | 34,485 | 31,786 | 44.2 | 46.6 | 1,522,718 | 1,482,364 |

¹ 2010 forecast, 2009 final.